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37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(3) PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE

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Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(3), Applicants petition to have the above-identified application withdrawn from Issue in favor of the request for a Continuation Prosecution Application submitted herewith.

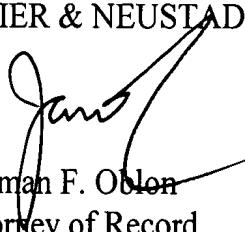
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) Petition to Withdraw From Issue / Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) / Information Disclosure Statement Form / List of Related Cases w/(1) Cited Pending Application / Information Disclosure Statement / Copy of Preliminary Amendment filed November 8, 1999 / Copy of Official Action dated February 8, 2001 / Copy of Amendment and Request for Reconsideration w/(3) Technical References, PTO Cover Sheet, Terminal / Disclaimer, Copy of Date-Stamped Filing Receipt filed on May 8, 2001 / Copy of Official Action dated July 10, 2001

Our check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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